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> AFTER FINAL AMENDMENT RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION

In the Office Action mailed on August 18, 2006, claims 1-15 are pending. The examiner has indicated that claims 4-8 are allowed if re-written to include all the limitations for which the dependent claims depends, and claims 1-2 and 9-15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(e) on the basis of Sullivan et al. ("Sullivan"). In response to that office action, Applicant submitted an amendment on September 29, 2006. In response to that September 29th amendment, an advisory action was transmitted on October 13, 2006, indicating that the amendment would not be entered as it would require further searching.

On October 25, applicant held a telephone interview with Examiner Chojnacki, and Examiner Neven to discuss the prior amendment and the necessity for a new search. It was pointed out to applicant that certain claims, particularly claims 5, 9 and 13 had a mixed preamble requiring modification, and claims 1 and 5 contained antecedent errors. Further, the examiner maintained that claims 10-12 and 14-17 would still require a new search and could not be